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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Assistant Commissioner For Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Application Number:

08/835,732 Filing Date:

April 11, 1997

First Named Inventor: Group Art Unit:

Dean A. Klein 2871

Examiner Name:

D. Nguyen

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

- 1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:
 - Previously submitted: ()
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ...
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on . . 0
 - (X) Enclosed:
 - Amendment (X)
 - (X) Return Postcard
- 2. Miscellaneous:
 - Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).
- 3. Fees:
 - (X) RCE fee (\$710 large entity)
 - () Fee for suspension (\$130)
 - Extension of Time fee: Two Month (\$390) (X)

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(X) Fee(s) for Amendment:

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | CLAIMS AS FILED HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | PRESENT EXTRA | | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|---|---------|------------------|-----|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Total Claims | 20 | _ | 19 | = | 1 | × | \$18 | = | \$18 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | | 3 | = | 1 | × | \$80 | = | \$80 |
| If application has been | en amended to con | ntain mult | iple dependen | t claim | (s), then | add | \$130 | | = \$0 |
| | TOTAL FE | E FOR T | HIS AMENI | MEN | T | | | | \$98 |

4. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$1,198 to cover the above fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Address all future communications to Customer No. 20,995.

Dated: Jan 10, 2001

Drew S. Hamilton Registration No. 29,801 Attorney of Record

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